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(*d*) whether it is a fact that officers of the Education department posted to the city are not allowed the city allowance ; and

(*e*) whether the Government will consider their claim for the city allowance with sympathy and observe a uniform policy in the matter of granting the city allowance?

A.—(*a*) & (*d*) There is no such distinction between departments, but within the Educational department officers of the scholastic and collegiate branches are not given Presidency allowance.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is referred to the list under Class V—Allowance on pages 24—28 of Volume II of the Madras Manual of Special Pay and Allowances.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*e*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

11-30 a.m. Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"May I know, if the Director of Public Instruction had already made his proposal and that that proposal was turned down by the Finance Department?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"The matter is under the consideration of the Government; I don't understand how any proposal could be turned down before orders are issued."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"May I know if that part of the Government which is called the Finance Department is favourably considering that question?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"The answer is given in clause (*e*), Sir."

Railways

Number of strikers who have resumed works in the South Indian Railway.

* 1139 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of railway workers who have joined the workshops of the South Indian Railway since the termination of the last strike ;

(*b*) the number who have not still joined ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take any action in the matter and, if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information is not available with Government.

(*c*) No. The matter is one concerning the internal administration of the railway and, as the hon. Member is aware, "Railways" is a Central subject.

Arms and ammunition

Suspension of the gun licence to Mr. White.

* 1140 *Q.*—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state, with reference to answers to question No. 853 given on 29th November 1928 by the hon. the Law Member—

(*a*) the reasons why Mr. White who was convicted of having caused the death of a man in the Madras Harbour premises by a rifle shot is permitted to possess a rifle under a licence ;